

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 17 and 18 are amended.

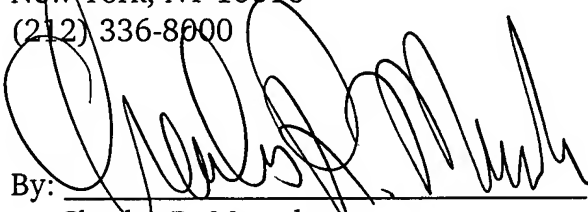
Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Authorization is given hereby to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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